

only by the men it produces, but by the men it honors, the men it remembers."

Today I honor the life and work of a great woman.

Down the hall, in the Rotunda of this magnificent building—an incredible tribute to democracy—there is a statue of three great women, all American pioneers. Most historians will agree that Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucretia Mott—because of their lifelong struggle for equality—deserve that place of honor, in our Rotunda, with the statues of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; where John Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln and the Unknown Soldiers were laid in State.

I urge my colleagues, and all my fellow Americans, to help me honor another pioneering woman who lived at the same time as these three women suffragists.

Mr. Speaker, this woman also was a leader in the struggle for equality. She was an Irish immigrant who toiled as a laundress for the collar and cuff industry in the late 19th century.

Mr. Speaker, this woman was 19 years old when she formed the first female labor union in the country, the Collar Laundry Union and successfully led a strike of over 200 laundresses. As a result, the union won wage increases of 25%.

Mr. Speaker, this woman helped organize workers around the country and helped unions outside of the laundry industry. She became the first female ever appointed to a national labor office when she was appointed Assistant Secretary of the then-National Labor Union.

Mr. Speaker, this woman's name was Kate Mullany and she lived in Troy, New York.

Kate Mullany's home, located at 350 Eighth Street in Troy, is the last surviving structure associated with her life and work.

While her years of work and efforts on behalf of American workers might merit her inclusion in the Rotunda of this Capitol, the least we should do is preserve her house and use it as an educational tool to tell the story of her life and the development of the American labor movement—which has strong roots in the Capital Region of New York State.

That is why I have introduced H.R. 641, the "Kate Mullany National Historic Site Act", which would make the house a unit of the National Park Service.

Last year, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt designated the Mullany House as a National Historic Landmark and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton included the house as a stop on her "Save America's Treasures" tour. I appreciate their involvement and their support.

Mr. Speaker, for too long, important stories and legacies left by people who were the fabric of American life—those who worked for a living—have been overlooked. America was built on the backs of laborers and they deserve recognition.

The National Labor Theme Study Act, which I wrote, the Congress passed, and the President signed in 1991, sought to correct this wrong and has identified the Kate Mullany House as a prominent site worth preserving to tell the story of American laborers and the American labor movement.

I ask that my colleagues in the House support H.R. 641. This is important legislation which would properly honor and remember Kate Mullany's work and pay tribute to the significant contributions made by her and her fellow laborers to the history of this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, we are all active participants in telling the history of America. The responsibility of telling the stories of heroes like Kate Mullany is on our shoulders.

TRIBUTE TO FIGURE SKATING ATHLETES

HON. STEVEN KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all of the outstanding figure skating athletes who participated in the 1999 State Farm United States Figure Skating Championship, held in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 13, 1999. I particularly wish to recognize the athletic achievement of several of my young constituents.

Ms. Michelle Kwan of Torrance, claimed her third National title at the U.S. State Farm Figure Skating Championship. Just 18 years of age, Ms. Kwan has already had an illustrious career, setting the bar high for all athletes following in her footsteps. Ms. Kwan's career accomplishments include winning the world championship twice, and earning a silver medal from the 1998 Olympics. Ms. Kwan will now lead the United States team that will compete in the World Championship in Helsinki, Finland, March 21–28. I admire Ms. Kwan's commitment and desire to compete as an amateur. I wish her luck in obtaining the one achievement that has been elusive thus far, winning the Olympic gold medal.

Ms. Angela Nikodinov of San Pedro, claimed the bronze medal in the championship and will be a proud member of the United States World Team for the first time this year. Currently, Angela is 18 years of age and attends Monte Vista High School.

Ms. Amber Corwin, at age 21, finished seventh in the overall senior ladies competition and is originally from Hermosa Beach. She is currently a student at California State University, Long Beach, where she is majoring in communications.

Mr. Trifun Zivanovic of Los Angeles, finished second in the overall men's competition. He is a graduate of Beverly Hills High School in 1994 and at age 24, currently enjoys teaching youngsters the art of figure skating. Mr. Zivanovic will be traveling to Halifax, Canada later this month for the Four Continents Championships and then to Helsinki, Finland for the World Championship in March.

Mr. Johnnie Stiegler and Ms. Tiffany Stiegler of Manhattan Beach, finished fourth in the U.S. State Farm Figure Skating Championship pairs competition. This was their first senior competition. This brother and sister duo attends Rim High School. Tiffany and Johnnie, 15 and 16 respectively, have a bright future in figure skating.

It is with great honor that I recognize these athletes. Their commitment, dedication, deter-

mination, and discipline to excel in figure skating should be admired by all. I wish all of them well and look forward to cheering for them in all their future endeavors!

TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE BERNARD S. JEFFERSON

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, it is a special honor to pay tribute today to retired California Court of Appeal Justice Bernard S. Jefferson, who after a celebrated career spanning more than half a century, will be honored on March 25, 1999, at a dinner in his honor at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. The dinner is being hosted by the faculty and board of the University of West Los Angeles. One of the most distinguished and acclaimed jurist in the nation, it is a particular pleasure to publicly commend Justice Jefferson for his contributions to the court, to the University of West Los Angeles, and to the citizens of the great state of California and the nation.

Born July 29, 1910, in Coffeeville, Mississippi, Justice Jefferson graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA in 1931. He received his law degree Cum Laude from Harvard Law School in 1934, and his S.J.D. from Harvard in 1943. Following his graduation, Justice Jefferson served for several years as a Professor of Law at Howard University. He served two years as an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of Price Administration, and prior to his appointment to the bench, spent ten years in private practice, where he worked alongside such legendary legal scholars as the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall on several, significant civil rights cases.

In 1959, then-California Governor Edmond G. Brown, Sr. appointed Bernard to the Municipal Court. One year later, he was elevated to the Los Angeles Superior Court, and in 1975 was elevated to the Second District Court of Appeal, Division One. He became the Presiding Justice of Division One in 1980. During his long and distinguished career, he served a short time as a pro tem appointee on the California Supreme Court, and authored the California judiciary's best known and most authoritative and frequently cited evidence book, "The California Evidence Benchbook." Known throughout the California judicial system as the "Bible" of evidence for judges, the "Benchbook" has been cited in nearly 300 appellate cases.

A judge's judge, and an individual of impeccable integrity and character, Justice Jefferson is an erudite and brilliant jurist whose legacy to the court remains legend throughout California courtrooms today.

When Justice Jefferson retired from the court in 1980, he began still another career as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the University of West Los Angeles. Unable to stay away from the classroom, he also taught Evidence and Criminal Procedure. He was selected as President of the institution in 1982 and retired in 1994; he remains President Emeritus of the University.